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When asked 'why' during Elba City Council meeting Police chief says 'money' the main reason Elba continues to have high turnover with officers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, Jan. 28, Police Chief Leslie Hussey provided his bi-monthly report to the council, and he noted the city continues to lose officers to other local agencies.

"Since the 13th of January, we have lost three more officers," Hussey told council members.

He said one resigned to take a job with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, another resigned to take a job with the Covington County Sheriff's Department, and the third was one of the two candidates Elba had sent to the police academy last week.

Hussey said the officer going to Covington County left only because that job would get him closer to home as he resides in Florala and allow him to be more active with his family. The chief said he certainly could not blame the officer for wanting to closer to home and with his family more.

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As for the candidate attending the police academy, Hussey said he had received word the candidate simply did not report back to the academy on Sunday for his second week in the program. He noted he had not heard from that candidate, as of the council meeting Monday evening.

with a reason for his not returning to the academy. Hussey did note that the department had made 25 arrests recently with 15 of those being drug-related.

Council member Rolanda Jones said she was concerned with the high turnover in officers, and she asked Hussey if he could pinpoint a reason for the high turnover. She said she too could understand the officer leaving to take a job closer to home, but she wondered about all the others the department had lost.

Hussey said he could answer her question with one word...money. He said

the city is competing directly with the county sheriff's department for officers, and they are able to offer better pay and benefits currently.

When offered a job with such organizations, Hussey said it is difficult to turn down offers of better pay and benefits.

Jones said she is definitely concerned about this, and she noted that it might be time to look at the pay scale, etc. for the department to help ward off the turnover.

Council member Tom Maddox asked Hussey if precautions were being taken at the animal shelter to ensure the animals would be shielded from the extreme cold expected this week. Hussey said he planned to meet with the animal control officer on Tuesday morning to be sure plenty of measures were in place to help protect the animals from the cold temperatures.

Assistant city clerk Pat Boothe also noted that curtains had been added at the animal shelter last year that help shield the animals from bad weather and help keep them warmer during

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Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton (left) is shown presenting the "Ambassador for Peace" medal to Coffee County resident Edward L. Cain during a special ceremony held Monday, Jan. 28, for Korean War veterans as part of the Coffee County Commission meeting. Also pictured and honored were veterans Loren K. Dow, Mason Streetman, and James Tomberlin. Each received the "Ambassador for Peace" medal.

Korean War veterans honored this week with special ceremony during Coffee County Commission meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday morning, Jan. 28, opened with a very special ceremony as four Korean War veterans were honored and presented "Ambassador for Peace" Medals.

Coffee County Veterans Service Officer Meria Nelson said the Korean War is often referred to as the "Forgotten War" as it was a clash between North and South Korea waged between the celebratory victory of World War II and the anti-war sentiment of Vietnam.

"But those who fought in that war that started nearly 70 years ago are still being honored today," she said. Nelson read an official "Ambassador for Peace" Proclamation from the Republic of Korea thanking Korean War veterans from the United States for their service.

The proclamation reads, "It is a great honor and pleasure to express the everlasting

gratitude of the Republic of Korea and our people for the service you and your countrymen have performed in restoring and preserving our freedom and democracy. We cherish in our hearts the memory of your boundless sacrifices in helping reestablish our Free Nation. In grateful recognition of your dedicated contributions, it is our privilege to proclaim you an "Ambassador For Peace" with every good wish of people of the Republic of Korea. Let each of us reaffirm our mutual respect and friendship that they may endure for generations to come."

Nelson said a ceremony was held in Montgomery, Ala. on Nov. 16th where a number of Korean veterans were presented their Ambassador of Peace medal by Young-jun Kim, consul general of the Republic of Korea in Atlanta, Ga. However, she said some veterans were not able to attend that ceremony, and therefore, Coffee County was holding

a special ceremony Monday morning to publicly recognize those men. She said South Korea's government began offering the medals in 1975 to veterans who visited the country through its Revisit Program. The honor has since expanded to veterans who cannot travel the long journey to Korea.

Nelson said there are nearly 22,000 Korean War veterans who live in Alabama. She said more than 300 veterans applied to receive the "Ambassador for Peace" medals, and four of those men from Coffee County received their recognition Monday morning during the Coffee County Commission meeting. Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton, also a veteran, assisted Nelson in presenting the medals to Korean War veterans Edward L. Cain, Loren K. Dow, Mason Streetman, and James Tomberlin.

As Sutton presented each veteran with his medal, he thanked him for his service.

Coffee County Honor Band performs at Elba High School...

The Coffee County Honor Band complete a two-day clinic last week at Elba High School and the program concluded with a concert open to the public.

The Coffee County Honor Band is comprised of band students from Elba, Zion Chapel, Kinston and New Brockton high schools. The clinician this year was Lori Hart.

The Honor Band is pictured at the top of this page during their Thursday night, Jan. 24, concert performing under director of Hart.

Band directors Shaun Hammonds (Elba), Justin Compton (Zion Chapel), Ryan Gresko (New Brockton), and Blake Van Winkle (Kinston) said this year's event was a huge success!



ECLECTICS BRING 3RD PLACE TROPHY HOME! The Eclectics, Elba High School's Show Choir, participated last Saturday, Jan. 26, in the Capital City Classic, and the group brought home the third place trophy for their division. The Eclectics consists of students from Elba High School and the Coffee County Schools. The students are led by Elba High School vice principal Jason Tucker, and the course is taught at Elba High School. Tucker also was recognized in receiving the Star Award from the competition. This award is given in recognition of show choirs that have overcome obstacles through the hard work of directors who are ambassadors for music education. Tucker said the story of The Eclectics is a testament to the students, teachers, administrators, schools and parents who have worked together to make this group possible over the past few years.

Departmental requests approved during Commission meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners approved several departmental requests Monday, Jan. 28, during the regular bi-monthly meeting for the commission.

Upon the request of county engineer Marty Lentz, commissioners voted to initiate a federal aide project to make way for installation of approach guard rails for two bridges in the county. Lentz said this safety project would be for a bridge on County Road 342 and a bridge on County Road 644. He said these two bridges currently are the only two on paved

roads in the county without the approach guard rails.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the request to initiate the project.

Two additional requests from the county engineer were approved during Monday's meeting. Commissioners voted to approve a new agreement with ADEM [Alabama Department of Environmental Management] regarding removal of scrap tires from the roadways. Lentz said in this agreement, ADEM reimburses the county for removal of the tires from roadways.

Commissioners also gave

Lentz permission to send out bids for corrugated metal pipe.

County administrator Rod Morgan had one item for commissioners to consider.

During the Jan. 14th meeting, commissioners approved the surplus of several vehicles from the sheriff's department. Morgan said two of those vehicles were sold to Geneva County.

On Monday, he asked commissioners to approve a motion to allow the proceeds from the sale of the two vehicles to Geneva County to be put with bud-

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Area Happenings

THE ELBA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION is conducting Youth Baseball and Softball sign-ups through Feb. 15th. Registration is being held at the Elba Recreation Department, located at 764 N. Claxton Ave., Elba. Documents required for registration included the child's birth certificate and completion of the registration form. The cost is \$35 for one child, \$60 for two children, and \$70 for three or more children per family. For more information, call (334) 897-6833.

THE MISS ELBALA PAGEANT WILL BE HELD Saturday, Feb. 2, at 6 p.m., at the Elba High School auditorium. Alyssa Kyles, Miss Elbala 2018 and Miss Elba 2018-2019, will emcee the pageant.

A GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP will be held Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, located at 329 Putnam St., Elba, Ala. This workshop will be from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Ann S. Cooper, vice president of the River Region United Way of Montgomery will be teaching this free course. RSVP via text to (334) 790-9081 or call the Elba Chamber office at (334) 897-3125.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Holding onto anger is like grasping onto a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else. You are the one who gets burned" - Buddha

Roger Stone arrested in the ongoing Trump investigation. For months we have had regular e-mails from what claimed to be Robert Stone. After the first couple, they went to the trash bin without even being opened. The two that were opened were either defending the president or taunting the investigation. The e-mails have probably stopped for good, but he now has his own world stage to 'do his thing'.

Monday our office received an e-mail from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection folks. The message was that their office was back in operation, doing the job they were hired to do and available to answer any questions the newspaper might have. Several wise cracks came to mind, but the lady was serious, had missed two pay checks, etc., and thus she didn't receive any of that nonsense from this corner of the world. Hopefully this is not just a short reprieve from the government shutdown and everyone can find some other subject to use in the continuing political debates that are dominating America.

The number of homeless people in Elba appears to be increasing, or maybe they are just more noticeable. Regardless, this area is not immune to the question of 'how to solve this problem'. The noticeable increase on the streets of Elba seems to be younger people and/or couples. The local police are far more aware of this than us average citizens and comment about the various places they find to sleep. Join the local increases with the results of a national study done by some experts, led by the University of Pennsylvania, on elderly homeless and it gets scary. The college trained experts predict that the number of elderly homeless people will likely almost triple by 2030, from 40,000 to 106,000 in just that short span. They note the situation is dire but things could be improved. "We can either just maintain people who are in poor health and in a state of homelessness, with crowded emergency rooms, hospitals and nursing homes, or we could use the money to provide proper housing." Eyeballing a homeless person spurs us to 'do something' for this individual. However this is a bit embarrassing to admit but taking a distracted look at the national issue of homelessness in general raises that age-old emotion of expecting folks to fend for themselves and not depend on charity. The latter is not a good Christian answer to have and we continue to work on a change in attitude. Our readers are encouraged to please do the same. Civilized society can not rightly do any less.

The U. S. Acting Attorney General predicts that the long running Russian investigation is 'close to being completed.' Of course Special Counsel Mueller is the only one who can answer that with any certainty. Of course we assume he has conveyed this information to the AG, who happens to be his boss. We expect there will be some comments in the final report that each side will wave as 'proof' of their past comments about the whole matter, but as far as impeaching the president . . . forget it. Even if, remember that word IF, there is something in the report that prompts such efforts, lawyers can tie things up for more than the time left on President Trump's term in office. As far as impacting his re-election that is equally as doubtful. His core support truly believes in him and are locked in while another large segment of our U. S. voters do anything to keep certain Democrats out of the office. Bottom line is get use to it folks, you are in for a long siege.

Can the government lower the price of prescription drugs? The effects of price ceilings provide a cautionary warning, even though price controls appear to work in other countries. Unfettered competition generally provides a more effective way to keep prices in line with costs.

Several government efforts seek to lower drug prices. The Trump Administration has proposed basing Medicare Part B prices on international prices. The Department of Health and Human Services found that the U.S. had the highest average price for 27 drugs, almost double the international average. Forty six states are suing 15 generic drug makers for price fixing. Senator Elizabeth Warren wants the Federal government to manufacture generic drugs to eliminate profit-seeking.

Price ceilings demonstrate government's rather limited ability to reduce prices and ensure adequate supplies. A price ceiling is a legal maximum price for a good. For instance, a law might set a maximum price for gasoline at say \$2 a gallon and prosecute anyone selling for more. Would this ensure drivers reasonably priced gas?

Not really. Market transactions require a willing buyer and seller. Businesses aren't charities and will not operate at a loss. While occasionally businesses sell at a loss, they must normally expect to cover costs.

A price ceiling does not require any firm to sell. If the wholesale price of gasoline were \$2.50, a station facing a \$2 price ceiling will shut down. Price ceilings set below the market price produce shortages, meaning that some consumers will go without.

Price ceilings have long been popular with emperors and legislatures, as *Forty*

Centuries of Wage and Price Controls details. Price controls were included in ancient Babylon's Code of Hammurabi and contributed to the suffering of George Washington's army at Valley Forge. A lower legal price appears to benefit consumers but does not make the good available.

Pharmaceutical companies charge more than \$10,000 a month for some cancer drugs. To the extent that such prices reflect costs of research, development and manufacture, setting a \$5,000 legal maximum price will reduce the quantity of drugs available. A shortage of life-saving drugs costs lives.

The development and approval process accounts for much of the cost of drugs. According to Tufts University's Center for the Study of Drug Development, the development costs for drugs that reach the market are \$2.6 billion. The cost of manufacturing many drugs is often low. Price controls may not prevent sales of already developed drugs, but rather reduce develop-

ment of new drugs.

If price controls are generally ineffective, why do other countries pay less for prescription drugs than we do? Restrictions on importation allow the same drug to sell at different prices in different countries. If a company sells at a price covering most of the development cost on the U.S. market, it could accept a lower price in Europe. This makes price ceilings appear effective. Yet someone must pay for development costs. If we match other nations' low prices, we may not have future wonder drugs.

Instead of resorting to price controls or litigation, I think we should try more competition. Let's let pharmaceutical companies undercut each other's prices in the pursuit of profit.

Two sets of policies currently limit competition. One is patents for medicines. Patents grant inventors a temporary monopoly to allow them to earn back the costs of research and development. The second is the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA)

approval, which requires demonstration of a new drug's safety and effectiveness. Limiting competition facilitates price fixing as well.

Limited competition in generic drugs, whose patents have expired, illustrates the vulnerability of government rules to manipulation for profit. Generic drugs copy successful drugs and are clearly safe and effective, yet the FDA's approval process limits the number of producers. Smart and greedy companies profit by manipulating the rules, like finding generics without approved alternative producers and raising the price.

More government regulation will not end the profitable manipulation of government rules, it will only create more rules to manipulate. Streamlining the patent and drug approval processes offers a better path to a steady supply of reasonably priced pharmaceuticals.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Jan. 21, investigated the following incidents: one assault, four for possession of a controlled substance, one attempting to elude, one wrongful possession of a prescription, one possession of a forged instrument, three for possession of drug paraphernalia, one receiving stolen property, one criminal mischief, and one accident (vehicle vs deer).

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear, three arrests on warrants, seven for possession of a controlled substance, one for attempting to elude, one for illegal possession of a prescription, four for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for receiving stolen property, and one for promoting prison contraband.

There were three traffic citations and 20 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of Jan. 21st - Jan. 27th.

MONDAY, JAN. 21 - Structure fire reported on Reese Ave (3:57 a.m.); Subject trying to pass a counterfeit \$100 bill reported at the Family Dollar store (9:27 a.m.); Unwanted guest reported at

a residence on Ann St. (4:03 p.m.); Assault (subject struck with a bat) reported on Sunset Blvd - subject declined medical treatment (10:45 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JAN. 22 - Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23 - Possible house fire reported in area of Caroline St - heavy smoke visible and scene was cleared by Elba Fire Department (12:40 a.m.); Report of domestic disturbance in area of Forest Ave (12:17 p.m.); Two vehicle accident reported at Hwy 141 and Hwy 84 (7:16 p.m.); Possible domestic incident [verbal] reported in area of Reese Ave (11:00 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JAN. 24 - Possible shots fired reported in area of Plant Ave - officers found it to be juveniles shooting fireworks and they were advised not to do that in the city limits (5:58 p.m.); Possible prowler reported in area of Neil Grantham Dr (8:19 p.m.); Traffic stop in area of Carver Dr led to arrest of one subject on City of Elba warrants (9:38 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JAN. 25 - Missing juvenile reported from a residence on Powell Circle (12:04 a.m.); Officer attempted to make a traffic stop on Hwy 84 W but vehicle fled and the chase ended in foot pursuit on County Rd 437 - two subjects were arrested and taken to Coffee County Jail on drug charges and attempting to elude (12:23 a.m.); Possible prowler reported N Claxton Ave (4:36 a.m.); Unwanted guest reported at a residence on Neil Grantham Dr - an ensuing traffic stop from this call led to the arrest of one person on

unrelated charges (9:16 p.m.); Officers assisted with a medical call on Reynolds Ave (11:09 p.m.).


SATURDAY, JAN. 26 - Traffic stop on N Claxton Ave led to arrest of a subject on outstanding warrants as well as possession of a firearm and narcotics (2:10 a.m.); Broken window reported at Westside Baptist Church (11:47 a.m.); Possible rolling domestic reported in a vehicle on Hwy 87 headed towards Elba (5:38 p.m.); Possible unwanted guest reported at a residence on Taylor Mill Rd (7:34 p.m.); Vehicle accident [vs a deer] reported on E Davis St (10:35 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JAN. 27 - Verbal argument between two individuals reported on Beaver Dam St (2:57 a.m.); Possible drunk driver reported on Hwy 87 N (3:57 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a structure fire on Hwy 166 (11:14 p.m.).

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ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATED ITS HOMECOMING 2019 last week. Macie Holsonback was selected to be the 2019 Homecoming Queen representing the Student Support Services Advisory Board. She is pictured with ESCC president Matt Rodgers.

Enterprise-born authors write book

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Rick Bragg's foreword sums it up:

"As soon as I read this, I knew I was home. I was reading about the South, not in people who write about it when they see it, but when they feel it and know it, as our fathers and mothers and grandmothers and grandfathers lived it, in fields and fields of glory, in classrooms and in courtrooms. This book is about the people who worked for what they had, loved their children, and lived and died on an in-and-out jump shot, because their boy was on the court at the time."

Dick Mullins, 78, and Ed Mullins, 82, grew up in Enterprise and attended Enterprise schools and the First Methodist Church. They rarely missed a church service and played on every sports team Enterprise offered, then went off to college, Dick to Auburn, Ed to Alabama.

Dick became an engineer and later a lawyer, Ed a journalist and then an educator. Along the way, each married, had children and grandchildren, but never forgot their roots and often talked about doing a book about their growing-up experiences, their work, the

opinions they formed and the people they influenced and were influenced by.

This book draws not only on their professional lives, but also on their experiences attending school, working in cotton and peanut fields, barns and roads around Enterprise (their grandfather was a farmer and their father the county engineer and a contractor). School and church were important but playing some form of ball their passion. They could usually be found on some ball field or gymnasium that was open, and a few that were not but somehow they managed to get into.

The chapter and story titles provide a taste of the content. Some stories are side-splitting funny (Chapter 2, Red Neck Stories). Others are poignant (Chapter 3, Small Towns), or philosophical (Chapter 4, Sports, Dogs and Friendships, as well as the Introduction and Postscript). Chapter 1 (Southern Experience) is a mixture of all three types.

Early readers have praised the book. Marian Assinno Loftin of Dothan: "It is delightful! Everyone who graduated in our era [1950s] needs a copy." TV

anchor, best-selling author and film director Bob Inman (of Elba, Alabama and Charlotte, North Carolina), spoke for many when he simply called the book "a great read." Several readers said reading many of the stories left them laughing or crying, sometimes both. One reader said it was obvious the two brothers were each other's heroes.

Dick Mullins is a retired lawyer living in Griffin, Georgia. He holds a chemical engineering degree from Auburn and a law degree from Emory. Ed Mullins is a retired University of Alabama dean and professor, with a bachelor's in journalism from Alabama, a master's from Ohio State and a Ph.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill.

"Southern Brothers," *Drake Printers, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 286 pages. ISBN: 978-1-5136-2782-3, \$17. For more information and copies of the book, go to southernbrothersbook.com or call or email Ed Mullins, 205-246-3334, lemullins13@gmail.com, or call Dick Mullins at 770-228-3039.*

2019 Alabama Waterfowl Stamp art contest now open

The Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) is now accepting entries for the 2019 Alabama Waterfowl Stamp art contest.

The winning artwork will be featured as the design of the 2020-21 stamp. The Alabama stamp is currently required for all licensed hunters when hunting migratory waterfowl in the state. Revenue from the sale of the stamp is used to purchase, establish or improve migratory waterfowl habitat.

The competition is open to resident Alabama artists only. Only original horizontal artworks depicting a species of North American migratory duck or goose will be eligible. The Canada Goose, American Green-winged Teal, and Wood Duck — depicted in the winning artwork of the three previous years' contests — are not eligible as the subject for the 2020-21

waterfowl stamp. Entries must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2019.

Judging criteria will emphasize uncluttered design suitable for printing as a stamp, anatomical accuracy of the illustrated species, and artistic rendering. Close attention must be given to tone and detail, since those aspects are prerequisites for printing artwork as a stamp. Wing and feather construction must be particularly well defined. Entries may be drawn or painted in any medium. Entries cannot exceed 9 by 12 inches (15 by 18 inches matted).

The contest winner will be announced in March 2019.

Revenue generated from the sale of the 2019 water-

fowl stamp will continue to work towards benefitting waterfowl and their associated habitats. However, following this year's contest, the State will be transitioning from the physical stamp to a license privilege and the contest will be discontinued.

Complete contest rules and entry forms for the 2019 contest are available online at www.outdooralabama.com/programs/waterfowl-stamp-art-contest-rules. Artists may also receive an entry form by emailing Seth Maddox at seth.maddox@dcnr.alabama.gov, or by calling 334-242-3469.

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com

HAYWARD DAWSON NELSON

Mr. Hayward Dawson Nelson, age 82, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019, at his home.

Funeral services were held Jan. 25, 2019

from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Paul Nelson and Rev. Syble Randall officiating. Burial followed in the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. The family requested memorials be made to Southern Care Hospice, c/o 1253 Rucker Blvd, Suite A, Enterprise, AL 36330.

Mr. Nelson was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Nelson; son, Van Nelson; daughter, Patty Turner; granddaughter, Tesha Lee; and great-grandson, Hunter Allen.

Survivors include his sons: Wayne "Pojo" (Cindy) Nelson, Glenwood, Ala.; Paul (Shelia) Nelson, Asheboro, N.C.; daughters: Dretta Allen, Melinda Lee (Don) Pope, both of Elba; brother: Phillip (Terry) Nelson, Elba; sisters: Faye (Mike) Sauls, Thomaston, Ga.; Sybil Hines, Elba; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild.

JUDY BOUTWELL PRICE

Mrs. Judy Boutwell Price, age 60, a resident of Seale, Ala., died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019, at her home.

Funeral services were held Jan. 28, 2019 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala. Burial followed in the Center Ridge Methodist Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joe Randle, along with a brother, Bryant Randle.

Survivors include her mother: Willie Pearl Randle, Jack, Ala.; daughter: Misty Dawn Price, sons: Jacob Allen Price, Michael (Jennifer) Price, and Cory Price; grandchildren: Haley Price, Hannah Price, and Bryant Price, all of Phenix City, Ala.; bro-

ther: Bennie Joe Randle, Atlanta, Ga.; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

LOIS DAVIS

Mrs. Lois Rebecca Lawson Davis, age 96, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Jan. 28, 2019 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Mike Medley officiating. Burial followed in the Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include her daughter: Martha Elmore, Elba; sons: Willey Lawson, Fort Pierce, Fla., and Coston Lawson, Hardinsburg, Ky.

ROBERT DALE ROSS

Mr. Robert Dale Ross, age 73, a resident of Brundage, Ala., died Monday, Jan. 21, 2019, at his daughter's home in Elba, Ala.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 24, at 2 p.m., from the chapel of Dillard Funeral Home in Brundage with the Reverend Roger Booth and the Reverend Wyman Botts officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Gilead Cemetery between Elba and Samson with Dillard Funeral Home of Brundage directing. The family requested memorials be made to the Mt. Gilead Cemetery Fund.

Mr. Ross was preceded in death by his first wife, Jean Ross, and second wife, Rhonda Ross; his parents, Robert and Syble Ross; and two brothers, Jim Ross and Thomas (Bud) Ross.

Survivors include his daughter: Robyn Stinson (Greg); three grandchildren: Tory Richter (Dusty), Caleb Stinson, Ethan Stinson; two great-grandchildren: Rowen Richter and Rhett Richter; sister: Betty Botts (Wyman); three brothers: Jack Ross (Annette), Johnny Ross (Joanne), Randy Ross; sisters-in-law: Margaret Ross and Jill Haisten; along with numerous nieces and nephews and other family.

Upcoming Blood Drive:

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at New Brockton High School.

The school is located at 210 South Tyler Street, New Brockton.

Donors of all types of blood are needed and all are encouraged to consider 'giving the gift of life' by donating a pint of blood.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

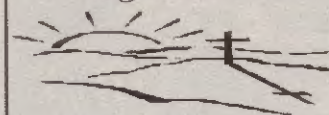
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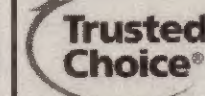
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The 2018-2019 season is dedicated to the memory of Edwin L. & Elizabeth L. Skelton.

Performances are made possible by support from corporate and individual memberships by the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts

LIFESTYLES

Coffee County Habitat for Humanity planning annual Father-Daughter Banquet

The Coffee County Habitat for Humanity presents its Ninth Annual Father-Daughter Banquet to help raise funds for the organization's ongoing efforts to eliminate substandard housing in the county.

The "Winter Wonderland" banquet will be held Friday, Feb. 22, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at First United Methodist Church in Enterprise, Ala. All proceeds will go to the Coffee County Habitat for Humanity.

Billed as an event for fathers to create a lasting memory with their daughters to be remembered always, the event will include dinner, dancing and a photo opportunity. This event also serves as an opportunity for grandfa-

thers to share a delightful evening with their granddaughters.

A Father-Daughter ticket is \$100 with \$30 for the first additional daughter and \$10 for the second additional daughter. There is no additional charge for four or more daughters. Tickets are available at Gifts on the Hill and Goolsby Bros. Plumbing & Electrical.

Recommended ages for daughters 4-16. Attire for the event is coat and tie for fathers and dressy for the daughters.

Contact Ashley Avery at (334) 208-1108 or ashleyavery@roadrunner.com for more event information, to make reservations or to sponsor a father and daughter.

Jukebox Saturday Night concert set for Feb. 14 at Enterprise High School

The Coffee County Arts Alliance announces the Jukebox Saturday Night concert set for Thursday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center.

Jukebox Saturday Night

is a musical review of the great Big Bands during the 1930's, 40's and 50's. Performances celebrate America's Swing Era featuring the greatest hits recorded by Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, Jimmie Lunceford, Artie Shaw, Harry James, Les Brown, Woody Herman and many others. Featured performers of this ensemble are veterans from some of the name bands as well.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the website www.coffeecountyartsalliance.com or, in Elba, tickets are available for purchase at Wildflowers.

Both
Lifestyles News
and Church
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are due by
5 p.m. on
Mondays



Coffee County EMA deputy director Grant Lyons (center) helped better prepare seniors at the New Hope Senior Citizens Center for severe weather conditions. He provided a lecture on "what to do" in times of bad weather. Pictured above with Lyons are the seniors and their director.

New Hope seniors receive severe weather preparedness training

Coffee County EMA deputy director Grant Lyons visited the New Hope Senior Citizens Center last week, and he provided the seniors with valuable information regarding proper precautions to take in the event of severe weather.

Lyons' lecture was on "what to do" in the event of severe weather, and he described several different scenarios. The seniors were able to participate in interactive drills, and Lyons said they all did a great job. He also reviewed fire

drills.

"We are so grateful he took time to come and educate our seniors and staff on how to handle serious situations such as a fire or severe storm," senior director Conzuella Banks said. "This was very educational."

Banks said Lyons is willing to do training sessions at churches as well. For additional information, contact the Coffee County EMA office in New Brockton, Ala.

Local DAV Chapters announce upcoming meetings

The February 2019 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707.

The February 2019 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 9, located in Enterprise, Ala., will be held Thursday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting location has been changed to Po Folks Restaurant, 650 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise. For further information contact the DAV office at 334 308-2480.



THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF COFFEE COUNTY (RWCC) KICKED OFF 2019 with its January 16th meeting at the Enterprise Country Club. Guest speakers were Alabama Republican National Committeewoman Vicki Drummond and Alan Waters, a recipient of the President George H.W. Bush 1000 Points of Light award. Pictured left to right: Vicki Drummond, RWCC 1st Vice-President Robin Foy, RWCC President Johnna Roberts, and Alan Waters. The Republican Women of Coffee County meet the third Wednesday of each month at the Enterprise Country Club at 11 a.m. The next meeting will be Feb. 20th, and the guest speaker will be Alabama House Representative Rhett Marques. All are welcome but reservations are necessary. For more information, contact Jan at 494-3763.

American Red Cross issues emergency call for blood donors

A donation shortfall over the winter holidays is prompting the American Red Cross to issue an emergency call for blood donors to prevent a blood shortage from continuing throughout winter and affecting patient care.

The Red Cross collected more than 27,000 fewer blood and platelet donations the weeks of Christmas and New Year's than needed to sustain a sufficient blood supply.

"Many people may not

realize that blood products are perishable, and the only source of lifesaving blood for patients is volunteer blood donors," said Cliff Numark, senior vice president, Red Cross Biomedical Services. "When donations decline – as they did around the holidays and may further decline if severe winter weather and flu season pick up – lifesaving medical treatments could be delayed."

Right now, the Red Cross

has less than a three-day supply of most blood types on hand, well below the ideal five-day supply needed to respond to emergencies and daily hospital needs. Blood products are currently being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in.

Some upcoming blood donation opportunities for the local area include:

Pike County: Troy
2/6/2019: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Troy University Trojan Center, 233 Trojan Center

Coffee County: New Brockton
2/13/2019: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., New Brockton High School, 210 South Tyler Street, PO Box 429

Covington County: Andalusia
2/15/2019: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Straughn High School, 29448 Straughn School Road

How to donate blood

Simply download the , visit or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or

for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at or use the Blood Donor App.

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From Illustrations Unlimited (James S. Hewett, Editor):

1. The first successful iron plow, invented in the United States in 1797, was cast by New Jersey farmers under the theory that cast iron poisoned the land and stimulated the growth of weeds.

2. An eloquent authority in the United States declared that the introduction of the railroad would require the building of many insane asylums, since people would be driven mad with terror at the sight of locomotives rushing across the country.

3. In Germany it was proved by "experts" that if trains went at the frightful speed of 15 miles an hour, blood would spurt from the travelers' noses and passengers would suffocate when going through tunnels.

4. In 1881, when the New York YWCA announced typing lessons for women, vigorous protests were made on the grounds that the female constitution would break down under the strain.

It all sounds silly, doesn't it?

The point is this: be careful who you listen to. Even "experts" and well intentioned friends can be wrong.

In times of confusion and decision, these have value. But, we also should ask "What is God saying?", "What does God's word say?"

A great guide is Proverbs 3:5,6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Now THAT sounds like good advice!

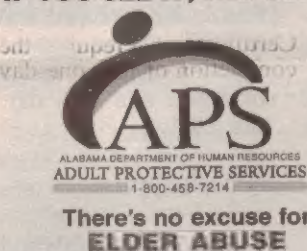
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Safe Harbor will sing Sunday, Feb. 17, at Newbia Baptist Church, located on County Rd 330, Elba.

Newbia Baptist Church set to host Safe Harbor in concert Feb. 17th

The group Safe Harbor will be in concert Sunday, Feb. 17, at Newbia Baptist Church, located at 3819 County Road 330, Elba.

The concert will begin at 6 p.m. There is no admission charge, but a love offering will be taken.

All are invited to attend.

Annual Black History Banquet planned for Saturday, Feb. 2, at Enterprise Civic Center

Club Yesepoch Inc. announces the 21st Annual Community-Wide Black History Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Enterprise Civic Center.

United States Army Reserve member, Colonel Gregory L. Clark, a native of Abbeville, Ala., will be the guest speaker for the banquet.

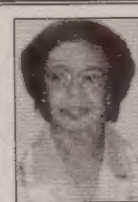
Colonel Gregory L. Clark's contribution to humanity is an embodiment of multiple proportions. Greg's practice as a financial advisor is relationship based and focuses on helping individuals, businesses, non-profits and families achieve their financial planning goals by providing advice on investment planning, insurance planning, retirement planning, estate planning, intergenerational wealth transfer planning, and educational savings planning.

Notably, Greg's contribution to the community extends itself to a lucrative career in the armed forces. As a 29-year veteran of the United States Army Reserve, LTC Clark's current assignment is Chief, Mobilization Branch, G-3/5/7, United States Army Medical Command, Ft. Sam Houston, TX. LTC Clark is a graduate of the United States Army Command & General Staff College.

As a highly decorated soldier, he is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal and Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal to name a few. LTC Clark was selected for command by the U.S. Army in November 2013 and assumed command of the 7242nd Medical Support Unit in Gulfport, Mississippi from March 16, 2014 to May 21, 2016.

Club Yesepoch, Inc. is a non-profitable, charitable organization composed of Black Women in the city of Enterprise. Ticket cost is \$25. Please direct any inquiries or concerns regarding this event to Club President, Marilyn Yelverton, at 917-847-5069 or Publicity Committee Chair, Michelle Goosby at 334-406-9895.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter 897-3611



Scripture: An urgent plea for help in trouble [Psalm 69: 1-36]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Diane Burks, Michael Manning, Kathy Harris, Emily Newson, Caleb Kelley, Corene Daniels, Eric Kaplan, Mary Sue Dawson, Asja Jo-Lee Rudolph

January Birthdays / Anniversaries

Hattie Bell Carpenter 1/18 (in memory)
Alzie M. Davis 1/21 (in memory)
Alex Hutchinson 1/22
Faye Manning 1/22
Steve Williams 1/22
Cool Breeze 1/22
Marcus Hutchinson 1/23 (in memory)
Leonard McBride 1/24 (in memory)
Kendal Culver 1/25
Yvonne White Jones 1/25
Schoochie Crittenden 1/26 (in memory)
Kikko Logan 1/26

** 16th Pastoral Appreciation Honoring Pastor Willie O'Neal Edwards and Lady Shakeitha Edwards and Family will be Sunday, Feb. 3, at 2 p.m. at Star of Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Guest pastor will be Rev. Johnny Lawrence and the Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Opp, Ala. Dinner will be served.

The Pastor's Aide Ministry will sponsor a

Musical/Singing event Saturday, Feb. 2, at 5 p.m. at Star of Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

Everyone is invited to these events.

**** Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church's Annual Usher Ministry Anniversary** will be Sunday, Feb. 10, at 10 a.m. Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor, will honor the ushers.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 1/31/19

Q: In praying for provisions, how far in advance are we to look?

A: Jesus said we should pray for daily bread. Matthew 6: 11

Q: From what should we seek constant deliverance?

A: We must pray to be delivered from temptation and from evil. Matthew 6: 13

Question for the Week of 2/7/19

Q: What causes people not to see and hear the word of God?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue



Empowerment Day set for Saturday, Feb. 2, at Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C.

Empowerment Day is scheduled at Harris Temple Church of God In Christ (COGIC) for Saturday, Feb. 2nd. The event will begin at 10 a.m. and last until 12 noon.

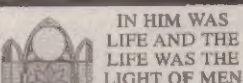
'Understanding The Prophetic' is the topic of discussion.

Facilitators and panelists include: Pastor Raymond Ramsey of Dothan, Prophetess Lois Russell of Montgomery and Elder Cominitic Coachman of Elba.

Harris Temple COGIC is located at 747 Adams Avenue, Elba.

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ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thoma, Sr. Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

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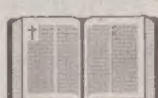
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST

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2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Dale Morgan-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

Rev. David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH

Michael Woodham, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Phillip Adecek, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH

Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC

W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Lawler Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

HERRON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting . . . 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH

Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH

Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WOOD CHURCH

Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH

Rev. Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH

Olan Strickland-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Kevin Byrd, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST

Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Randall Pearson, Pastor
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Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF QUENTIN DE'SHAUN BRYAN, Deceased

IN THE PROBATE
OFFICE OF
COFFEE COUNTY, ALA-
BAMA
ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC-2019-006

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters of Administration on the Estate of QUENTIN DE'SHAUN BRYAN, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of January, 2019 by the Honorable STEVEN E. BLAIR of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Marsha Paige Bryan
MARSHA PAIGE BRYAN
Administrator of said Estate
1/24, 31 & 2/7-paid

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF:
TIMOTHY DeLOACH,
DECEASED.

CASE NO.: PC-2018-087

NOTICE OF APPOINT- MENT TO BE PUB- LISHED BY EXECU- TOR

Letters Testamentary and under the Last Will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to Brandon DeLoach on the 17th day of January, 2019, by the Honorable STEVEN E. BLAIR, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama; notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Steven E. Blair
STEVEN E. BLAIR, Judge of Probate
1/24, 31 & 2/7-paid

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by James C. Gordy and Julie C. Gordy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Residential Mortgage Network Inc. d/b/a SurePoint Lending, Inc., dated July 25, 2006 said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Book 367, Page 300. Said mortgage was subsequently sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama, on March 6, 2019, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following describe real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, TO WIT: LOT 12, BLOCK "F", SECOND ADDITION TO INDIAN LAKES SUBDIVISION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ENTERPRISE, COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, AS SHOWN ON

PLAT OF SAME AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 47, OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF

PROBATE, ENTERPRISE, COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Property Street Address for Informational Purposes: 606 Chickasaw Road, Enterprise, AL 36330

Said property will be sold "AS IS". NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, IS MADE AS TO THE TITLE OF SAID PROPERTY. Said property is subject to any title deficiencies including but not limited to: any outstanding ad valorem taxes - including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand the rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

This sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in said Mortgage and by Alabama law. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.
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Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, Mortgagee or Transferee
Sady D. Mauldin A/LAW
One Independence Plaza, Suite 416
Birmingham, AL 35209
Attorney for Mortgagee/Transferee 18-030516 A-4682563
01/31/2019, 02/07/2019, 02/14/2019-pd.

NOTICE REGARDING A PUBLIC HEARING ASCERTAINING, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT TO BE CHARGED AS A LIEN ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA AS A RESULT OF THE CITY ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 07252016F

WHEREAS, heretofore the City Council of the City of Elba, Alabama declared that a building located within the City was unsafe to the extent that it was a public nuisance and ordered the demolition of said building located on the following described property, to wit:
STREET ADDRESS: 936 Simmons Street, Elba, AL 36323
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

PARCEL NO. 1: A lot or parcel of land located in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point where the south right of way of U.S. Highway 84 (Simmons Street) intersects the west right of way line of Adkinson Street 210 feet to a point; thence S 87°52'W 198 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue S 87°52' W 265 feet, more or less, to the bank of Beaver Dam Creek; thence northeasterly along the bank of said creek (22°52' E chord) 121.3 feet to a point; thence N 87°52' E

218.3 feet to a point; thence S 0°05' E 110 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being 0.610 acres, more or less.

PARCEL NO. 2: A lot or parcel of land located in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point where the south right of way of U.S. Highway 84 (Simmons Street) intersects the west right of way of Adkinson Street; thence S 89°55' W along the south right of way of said U.S. Highway No. 84 (Simmons Street) 185 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S 0°05' E 90.55 feet to a point; thence S 87°52' W 230.85 feet to the bank of Beaver Dam Creek; thence in a northwesterly direction along the bank of said creek (N 24°08' W chord) 108.20 feet to a point; thence N 89°32' E along the south right of way of U.S. Highway No. 84 (Simmons Street) 274.8 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being 0.551 acres, more or less.
PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

11-03-08-3-004-010.000
WHEREAS, the City has completed demolition of said building at the City's expense and the appropriate municipal official has made a report to the Council of said costs. THEREFORE, you are hereby notified that the Clerk of the City has set the report of costs for a public hearing at a meeting of the Council on the 11th day of February 2019 at 5:30 p.m. whereupon the Council will consider the report of costs attached hereto as Exhibit A and the proposed Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit B. Witness my hand and seal of office this 29th day of Jan., 2019.

/s/ Sally Bane
Sally Bane, Clerk
City of Elba, Alabama
1/31, 2/7-chg

IN THE MATTER OF
JAMES A. GRAY,
deceased.

IN THE PROBATE
COURT OF
COFFEE COUNTY, ALA-
BAMA
ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC2019-013

NOTICE TO: ANY HEIRS
OR NEXT-OF-KIN

Please take notice that a Petition to Probate Will asking for letters testamentary in the above styled manner has been filed in Coffee County Probate Court by the Petitioner, John Larry Chism who is named as Executrix in the Last Will and Testament of James A. Gray and that the 14th day of March 2019, at 9:00 a.m. has been set for hearing on the same in Coffee County Probate Court, 230-P North Court Avenue, Elba, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this petition, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days hereof with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Charles Matthew Brunson,
Esq.
P.O. Box 358
Elba, Alabama 36323
334-897-3507
1/31, 2/7 & 2/14-paid

**Additional
Public
Notices Can
Be Found on
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COMMUNITY NEWS



This Kinston Youth 8U Basketball team traveled Saturday, Jan. 19, to Andalusia to compete with the Andalusia rec league 8U teams. Above, JD Hart is shown headed down the court while his teammates cover all the gaps.

Special youth waterfowl hunting day set for Feb. 2nd

The Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) has designated Saturday, February 2, 2019, as the second of the 2018-19 hunting season's Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days. On that day, youth under age 16 may hunt for waterfowl statewide when accompanied by a licensed adult hunter. Regular waterfowl season shooting hours, bag limits, legal arms and ammunitions apply to the special days. Hunting area

rules and regulations also apply.

To participate in the hunt, individuals must be accompanied by an adult supervisor. The adult supervisor, who may not hunt, must remain within arm's length of the youth at all times.

Youth is defined as an individual age 15 years and younger. Adult is defined as an individual age 21 years and older, or as the parent of the youth. The adult must have a state hunting license, state and federal waterfowl

stamp, and a free harvest information program registration.

Only one firearm will be allowed per youth, and only the youth hunters will be permitted to utilize the firearm for hunting.

For more information on the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days, contact WFF Migratory Game Bird Coordinator Seth Maddox at Seth.Maddox@dcnr.alabama.gov or 334-242-3469, or visit www.outdooralabama.com/waterfowl.

Coffee County Extension office hosting Row Crop 101 workshop on Monday nights through March 4th

The Coffee County Extension office will be hosting a workshop series for new and beginning row crop farmers called "Row Crop 101".

"Row Crop 101" began Monday night, Jan. 28th, and is continuing through March 4th. The

workshop will be from 5-8 p.m. each Monday night at Enterprise State Community College in Enterprise, Ala.

The series will focus on a number of topics including financial planning, risk management, basic soil fertility, irrigation planning

and practices, and much more.

"Row Crop 101" is free to attend, but space is limited and participants must register. For more information or to register call the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596.

Roby announces committee assignments for 116th Congress

U.S. Representative Martha Roby (R-AL) this week announced that she will continue to serve on the House Appropriations and Judiciary Committees during the 116th Congress.

On the Appropriations Committee, Representative Roby will serve on the Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to continue serving on the House Appropriations Committee during the 116th Congress.

These subcommittee assignments give me a seat at the table to advocate for the conservative funding priorities that are important to the people I represent in Alabama's Second District, including properly supporting our national security interests at home and abroad, ensuring adequate resources and care for our nation's veterans, and more," she said.

On the Judiciary Committee, Representative Roby will serve as the Ranking Member on the

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

She added, "I am humbled to have been selected to serve as the top Republican on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. As an attorney, I'm excited to work closely on the important issues this subcommittee touches and to be a stronger voice in this leadership capacity on behalf of my district and state."

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geted funds to purchase a new Tahoe for the sheriff's department. This motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Dave Sutton also had a request to bring before commissioners during Monday's meeting. He said it had been discussed in a work session his desire for a resolution to seek a pay allowance increase for the sheriff, if approved by legislators.

Commission chairman Dean Smith said the pay allowance increase would be up to \$12,000.

This motion passed by a

6-1 vote. The opposing vote came from chairman Smith.

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners approved a request of Mandi McPhaul, career coach for Coffee County and Elba City Schools, for the rental fee of the farm center to be waived for a April 5th College and Career Expo event being planned.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting is set for Monday, Feb. 11, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton, Ala.

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such times.

Boothe provided council members with an update for the street department, and she said those employees had been quite busy over the past few weeks. She said a drainage project had been completed near the Cook Chevrolet/Ford property, and the work done there appears successful.

Boothe also noted that seven tons of asphalt had been utilized recently in fill potholes on streets around the city. She said this did not get every little hole in the areas serviced, but it did help with the worst potholes.

Mayor Mickey Murdock presented the vendor/services contract between the City of Elba and Ricky Mularz for renewal. He said this contract, which lays out the terms for Mularz's contract to manage the Coffee County

Lake property, was initiated on a 3-year basis and it was now up for renewal.

"Ricky is doing a good job," Murdock said.

Council member Tom Maddox made a motion to renew the contract for another three years. His motion received a second from council member A.R. Williams, and it passed with all council members in attendance voting in favor. Council member Jane Brunson was sick and unable to attend the meeting.

Murdock also presented council members with the first 16 pages of the city's personnel book. He said there are many areas of the book, which has not been updated in quite some time, that require attention and need to be amended.

Murdock said he would like to break the book down into four sections for review and work on it over

the next several meetings before the council approves the updated version. Council members agreed to his proposal for this review.

In reviewing the city's financials, the mayor noted he is happy to see revenues appear to be above projections so far this fiscal year. He said he was really excited about the sales and use tax figures for the year-to-date, which is showing a 12.6 percent increase in year to year comparison.

The mayor also noted that overall expenditures are looking good, and thus far this year are 5.4 percent less than the same time-frame for the past fiscal year.

Overall, Murdock said he felt good with the city's current financials.

The next Elba City Council meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 11, at 5:30 p.m., at Elba City Hall.

PUBLIC NOTICES:

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR ADMINISTRATOR

ESTATE OF PAUL COLEMAN MADDOX, DECEASED

PROBATE COURT PC2019-010

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 23rd day of January, 2019, by the Hon. Steven E. Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Sammie Michael Maddox, Personal Representative 1/31, 2/7 & 14-pd.

INVITATION TO BID INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS
City of Elba, AL

Receipt and Opening of Bids: The City of Elba (herein called the "Owner"), invites bids on the **Repairs/Replacement of 345 Davis St. West**. A "Scope of Proposal" will be provided to all prospective BIDDERS upon request. Bids will be received by the Owner in the Council Chambers located in the Elba City Hall, 200 Buford St., Elba, AL 36323 until **5:00 o'clock PM, C.S.T., on Monday, February 25, 2019**. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the "Owner" in the Council Chambers located in the Elba City Hall, 200 Buford St., Elba, AL 36323 at **5:30 o'clock PM, C.S.T., on Monday, February 25, 2018**. The envelopes containing the bids must be sealed, addressed to the City of Elba, 200 Buford St., Elba, AL 36323 and designated as **SEALED BID for 345 Davis St West Restoration Project**.

The "Owner" may consider informal any bid not prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions hereof and may waive any informalities or reject any and all bids. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No BIDDER may withdraw a bid within 60 days after the actual date of opening thereof. Bids received by mail must be registered.

Preparation of Bid: Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder, his/her address, and the name of the project for which the bid is submitted.

All bidders must be licensed under the provisions of State Licensing Board for General Contractors, Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the owner; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his/her license number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing bid. Bids shall contain a clear description of all construction equipment, methods, and materials intended for use on the project.

Time of Completion: Bidder must agree to commence work on or before a date to be specified in the written "Notice to Proceed" of the "Owner" and to fully complete the project within **120** consecutive calendar days thereafter.

Conditions of Work:

Submitting a bid by a bidder shall be conclusive evidence that the bidder has satisfactorily investigated the project and inspected the proposed work and represents it has sufficient means and methods to perform the job. Insofar as possible, the contractor, must employ such means and methods as will not cause undue interruption or interference of the facility.

Insurance: As a minimum, the Contractor shall be required to furnish the City of Elba, Alabama evidence of Comprehensive Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance coverage during the period covered by the Contractual Agreement.

Laws and Regulations:

The bidder's attention is directed to the fact that all applicable State laws, municipal ordinances and he rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply throughout, and they will be deemed included in the contract the same as though written out in full.

Method of Award -

Lowest Responsible

Bidder: If at the time this contract is to be awarded, the lowest bid, either the base bid or combination of base bid and additive alternates submitted by a responsible bidder does not exceed the amount of funds the estimated by the "Owner" as available to finance this contract, the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bid-

der subject to the right of the "Owner" to reject all bids for any reason or no reason in the discretion of the "Owner". 1/31&2/7-chg.

NOTICE REGARDING A PUBLIC HEARING ASCERTAINING, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT TO BE CHARGED AS A LIEN ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA AS A RESULT OF THE CITY ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 07252016F

WHEREAS, heretofore the City Council of the City of Elba, Alabama declared that a building located within the City was unsafe to the extent that it was a public nuisance and ordered the demolition of said building located on the following described property, to-wit:

STREET ADDRESS:

0 Payne Street, Elba, Coffee County, Alabama
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

One house and lot, said lot commencing at the northwest corner of J.W. Morrow lot and running west along the south margin of Pierce St. 100 ft.; thence south 200 feet; thence east 100 feet to J.W. Morrow's lot; thence north along the west side of J.W. Morrow's lot to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

11-04-18-4-001-001.001

WHEREAS, the City has completed demolition of said building at the City's expense and the appropriate municipal official has made a report to the Council of said costs.

THEREFORE, you are hereby notified that the Clerk of the City has set the report of costs for a public hearing at a meeting of the Council on the 11th day of February, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. whereupon the Council will consider the report of costs attached hereto as Exhibit A and the proposed Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 29th day of Jan., 2019.

/s/ Sally Bane
Sally Bane, Clerk
City of Elba, Alabama
1/31 & 2/7-chg

Landmark Park Events...

FEBRUARY 8-9 • QUILT RETREAT Friday 5 p.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Annual retreat led by Sherry Burkhalter. Ag Building. This year's theme is miniatures--miniature does not necessarily refer to size but to the scale of the block. Participants can choose from a variety of patterns. \$75, includes supper, lunch, drinks and snacks. Bring your sewing machines, 6-12 fat quarters (ranging from light to dark) and supplies. Call 334-790-9045 or visit www.quiltedcreations.net to register. Registration and prepayment required.

FEBRUARY 16-17 • FOLK ARTS WORKSHOP WEEKEND Learn blacksmithing, tatting, chair caning, pottery and more. Registration and prepayment are required by February 8. View the schedule of classes (to be posted by early January), register and pay online at www.landmarkpark-dothan.com. Prices range from \$20-\$30 per session.

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By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our little grandson Lawson was over at the house over the weekend and told his Nanny that she and Granddaddy slept too much. She tried to explain that we were old and needed a little extra sleep, but he disagreed and said if we would go outside with him and get more exercise we would have more energy. He may be right!

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tigers put themselves in position to win the regular season area title last week with a big win over Florala and moved into the state rankings, but then watched as their winning streak ended over the weekend with a loss to 7A Enterprise. The Tigers totally dominated area foe Florala to move atop the area standings, but an almost seven-minute scoring drought in the second quarter and some missed free throws late in the game proved too much to overcome in the loss to the Wildcats. The silver lining in the loss to the (20-7) Wildcats was that the Tigers played hard for all 32-minutes and proved they back down from no one.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers dropped both games they played last week, but battled hard for all four quarters in both games and still haven't peaked. They dropped a six-point loss to area champ Florala early in the week, but staged a furious second half rally and never quit battling, and trailed 7A Enterprise by only six-points with two minutes left in the game and surprised most of the people by showing their record is no indication of the team they are.

*** A look around the area finds things are interesting with the area tournaments just a week away. In boys' action, Brantley continued its late-season surge and will enter the area tournament convinced its can advance, while Kinston picked up a lopsided win over county rival New Brockton and will enter the tournament determined to pull off and upset, and Zion Chapel and New Brockton both continued to struggle and it appears they both will be no-shows once the sub-region tips off. Over with the girls, Brantley kept on winning and has to be considered a 'team to beat' at the area tournament, while Kinston has played hard all season and is a team to keep an eye on come tournament time, and New Brockton and Zion Chapel appear ready to head to the softball fields.

*** The case of Mario Davenport vs. the AHSAA took another turn last week when the state athletic association filed a motion to either dismiss the case or move it to the courts in Montgomery County. Most area coaches and fans feel the AHSAA will eventually win the highly-publicized case involving the eligibility of the Charles Henderson basketball standout and that the Lady Trojans, and Charles Henderson High School will be penalized, but this case appears to have a long life and the days ahead will be interesting.

*** In closing, last week's Elba-Enterprise basketball games were billed as the 'Battle of Coffee County' by some local news media, and while the 7A Wildcats swept past the Tigers in all three games, Elba High was the big winner as over 500 people jammed into the Enterprise State Community College gym to watch the game and filled the money box with cash. It is never good to lose, but the big payout will help the basketball program pay its bills and the large crowd had to pump energy into all the players.

Elba moves into prep poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its weekly high school basketball poll and moving into the 'Top 10' in Class 1A are the Elba Tigers, which checked in at #9 in the statewide poll. Other area teams ranked this week include (Girls) #2 Eufaula and #9 Dothan, in Class 6A; #2 Charles Henderson, in Class 5A; #3 T.R. Miller and #7 Geneva, in Class 3A; #6 Geneva County, #8 Samson, #9 Arton and #10 G.W. Long, in Class 2A; #6 Florala and #7 Brantley, in Class 1A; (Boys) #3 Eufaula, in Class 6A; #10 Charles Henderson, in Class 5A; #10 Pike County, in Class 3A; #5 Abbeville and #7 Barbour County, in Class 2A; and #2 Georgiana, in Class 1A.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan. 31	Friday, Feb. 1
Straughn at Elba	Elba at Headland
Hillcrest at Georgiana	Straughn at Pl. Home
Pl. Home at Kinston	Wicksburg at Brantley
Goshen at Brantley	Kinston at Zion Chapel
Florala at Samson	Luverne at Goshen
New Brockton at Long	Houston Ac. at Arton
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Move atop area standings

Tigers flatten Florala 60-39

The Elba Tigers took a giant step toward winning the regular season area title last week by rolling over the seventh-ranked Florala Wildcats 60-39, in Elba.

The Tigers came out determined to gain a measure of revenge for an early-season loss to the Wildcats, and behind the 3-point shooting of Richmon Singletary and Alex Wright and a five-point outburst from Vilee Sams pulled out to a 13-8 lead after one quarter.

Elba cranked it up on both ends of the court in the second stanza, and led by the scoring of Singletary and Wright poured in 27 points to go in at intermission with a big 40-23 advantage.

Seth Ware and Richmon Singletary scored four points, apiece, and the Tigers connected on 4 of 6 free throws in the third quarter as they remained in control, and Singletary added four fourth quarter points as Elba easily held on to claim the impressive

60-39 win over the Wildcats.

Richmon Singletary scored 19 points to lead Elba, while Alex Wright and Vilee Sams added 13 points, apiece. Rashad Coleman led Florala with 23 points.

Elba (60): Roberson 2, Ware 9, Sams 13, Singletary 19, Caldwell 4, Wright 13.

Florala (39): Stone 4, Coleman 23, James 4, White 8.

(JV Game)

The Elba Tigers dropped an exciting 35-32 loss to the Florala Wildcats. The Tigers rallied in the final stanza to force the extra period, but were outscored 8-5 in overtime and absorbed the loss at home.

Florala (53): Norman 13, Weeks 3, Harrell 2, Gettis 17.

Elba (32): Thomas 2, Tidwell 2, Hamilton 1, Carnley 2, Hill 2, Wise 2, Jordan 6, Burks 3, Coleman 12.

Lady Tigers outscored 60-54

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their three-game home winning streak snapped last week with a disappointing 60-54 loss to the Florala Lady Wildcats.

Elba scored only five points in the first quarter and trailed 12-5 heading into the second stanza, and while the Lady Tigers heated up in the second quarter and poured in 15 points, the Lady Wildcats scored 16 second quarter points to carry a 28-20 lead in at the half.

Sandra Lindsey drained two 3-pointers and scored 12 points in the third quarter to lead an Elba poured in 24 points in the stanza and

cut the Florala lead to 50-44. However, the Lady Tigers scored only 10 points in the final stanza and Florala hit 6 of 10 free throws in the stanza as the Lady Wildcats held on for the 60-54 win.

Amaysia Whitfield scored 15 points and Sandra Lindsey added 14 to lead Elba, while Sharae Coleman scored 25 points to lead Florala.

Florala (60): Parker 3, Kemp 3, Coleman 25, Parker 5, Wright 8, Simmons 2, Hadley 14.

Elba (54): Williams 5, Gray 4, Lindsey 14, Whitfield 15, Hooks 9, Baker 7.

Elba Tigers swept by Enterprise

Elba traveled to the campus of Enterprise State Community College last Saturday afternoon for the much-anticipated 'Battle of Coffee County,' but found the going a little too tough as they were swept by their 7A neighbors from Enterprise in front a packed gym.

Following are highlights of the three games:

Varsity Boys:

Enterprise 54 Elba 48

A six-minute scoring drought in the second quarter was too much for the Elba Tigers to overcome Saturday night in a hard fought 54-48 loss to the Enterprise Wildcats.

The 1A Tigers came out ready to play against the 7A Wildcats and behind the scoring of Seth Ware and Chrystile Caldwell jumped out to an early 6-2 lead. The Tigers were still up 12-9 with 42-seconds left in the stanza, but two late turnovers turned into easy Wildcat baskets as Enterprise grabbed a 13-12 lead.

Elba regained the lead at 14-13 early in the second quarter on a bucket by Alex Wright and was tied at 16-16 with 6:41 remaining in the half, but Enterprise picked up its defensive pressure with an aggressive full-court press and the Tigers failed to score again as the Wildcats closed the quarter on a 13-0 run to carry a 29-16 lead into the half.

Elba cut the deficit to 10 points at 29-19 with 5:45 left in the third quarter on a long 3-pointer by Vilee Sams, but the Tigers could get no closer and trailed 37-26 heading into the final stanza.

Two free throws by Alex Wright and an inside basket by Chrystile Caldwell enabled the Tigers to close

within 37-30 early in the fourth quarter, but Enterprise stretched its lead back out to 42-30 with 5:24 remaining on the clock and owned a big 48-34 lead with 2:06 remaining.

A 3-pointer by Vilee Sams and a 3-pointer by Logan Medlock helped the Tigers close the gap to 49-42 with 41-seconds left on the clock, and Richmon Singletary added a late 3-pointer in the Tigers comeback attempt. However, Elba missed seven free throw opportunities in the stanza and saw the comeback try end in a 54-48 loss.

Vilee Sams scored 14 points and Richmon Singletary added 11 to lead Elba.

E'prise (54): McCray 3, Couch 2, Hayes 10, Hayes 6, Howell 13, Holloway 17.

Elba (48): Ware 4, Sams 14, Singletary 11, Caldwell 5, Wright 7, Medlock 3, Hill 4.

Varsity Girls:

Enterprise 53 Elba 40

The Elba Lady Tigers battled from the opening tip until the final buzzer in a 53-40 loss to the Enterprise Lady Wildcats, Saturday afternoon at ESCC.

Elba held Enterprise without a basket for almost four minutes in the first quarter, but also struggled to put points on the scoreboard and was up only 1-0 thanks to a free throw by Amaysia Whitfield.

Nina Williams scored four points midway through the stanza to keep Elba close, but Enterprise hit two 3-pointers and added three late free throws to carry a 13-7 lead into the second quarter.

The Lady Tigers continued to play hard in the second quarter and pulled to within 15-14 with 3:32 left on two inside baskets by



Elba Tiger Charvez Hill (42) finger rolls a two-pointer in during last week's big 60-39 area win over Florala.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

High School

ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

BOYS:

Kinston Bulldogs cage Gamecocks 76-39

The Kinston Bulldogs made it look easy in a lopsided 76-39 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. Hunter Davis poured in 31 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Jacob Wood added 16, Colby Copeland added 12 and Ayden Wallace scored 10. Caleb Hurley

scored 13 points for the Gamecocks.

New Brockton falls hard to Ashford 54-21

The New Brockton Gamecocks continued their struggles with a 54-21 loss to the Ashford Yellowjackets. Caleb Hurley scored 9 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Jacorey Underwood scored 19 points for Ashford.

Brantley Bulldogs outscore Kinston 76-61

The Brantley Bulldogs picked up a big area win with a 76-61 victory over the Kinston Bulldogs. Parker Driggers scored 19 points to lead Brantley, while Jake Kilcrease and Tucker Kilcrease both added 16 points, Hunter Davis scored 17 points and Jacob Wood added 14 for Kinston.

Zion Chapel tripped up by Goshen 74-46

The Zion Chapel Rebels dropped a 74-46 area clash to the Goshen Eagles. Dakari Pelton had 19 points, pulled down 12 rebounds and handed out 10 assists to lead the Eagles, while Raquan Martin and Keshawn Boyd both scored 18 points.

GIRLS:

Lady Gamecocks knock off Ashford 34-31

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks picked up an impressive 34-31 win over the Ashford Lady Jackets. Dasha Nelson scored 17 points and Jaida Gosha added 12 to lead New Brockton, while Darian Bell scored 13 points for Ashford.

Lady Rebels ambushed by Goshen 54-36

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels dropped a 54-36 area battle to the Goshen Lady Eagles. Willow Johnson scored 16 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Bree Griffin scored 39 points to lead the Lady Eagles.

Lady Bulldogs roll past Kinston 62-45

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs rolled to an impressive 62-45 area win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. Gabby Perkins scored 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Brantley.

SCHOOL NEWS

TIGER TALES



News from
Elba City Schools

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Miss Elbala pageant set for Saturday, Feb. 2, at Elba High School auditorium

The Miss Elbala Pageant will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, at 6 p.m., at the EHS auditorium.

Alyssa Kyles, Miss Elbala 2018 and Miss Elba 2018-2019, will emcee for the evening.

Elba High finalists named for PowerSouth essay contest

Five Elba High School juniors have been named finalists in the PowerSouth Essay competition.

Caleb Foster, Chanler Coppage, Jared Campbell, Freeda Hooks, and Jaden Wright will now move onto the next stage of the competition, which includes a written test and an interview. Students each wrote a 750 word essay about what cooperatives were and why they are beneficial to the community.

This is an annual competition that Elba students participate with each year.



Elba's PowerSouth essay contest finalists are: Caleb Foster, Jared Campbell, Freeda Hooks, Chanler Coppage, and Jaden Wright

Pre-registration for Elba's First Class Pre-K underway

Pre-registration dates for Elba City Schools' First Class Pre-K is happening now.

Pre-registration began Jan. 15th and will run through March 22nd. For registration form, go online to <https://alprek.asapconnected.com> and fill out the form.

A birth certificate and proof of residence will also be required.

Acceptance to the program is strictly through a random drawing to be held on March 22nd. Parent or guardian does not have to be present at drawing. Notices will be emailed beginning April 16th.

Additional information regarding Elba's First Class

Pre-K program:

- For assistance with accessing online application contact Elba Elementary School office at 334-897-2814.

- Enrollment is open to all children four years of age on or before 9/1/19* who are residents of the state of Alabama (children who are eligible for Kindergarten are ineligible)

- Enrollees must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate (may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted directly to Elba Elementary School Pre-K program office)

- Enrollees must provide proof of residence - either a current utility bill or copy

of a lease or mortgage (may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted directly to Elba Elementary School Pre-K program office).

- No Registration Fee
- Upon enrollment, child's immunization record must be provided
- No child will be denied participation on the basis of income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability

Current Elba High seniors encouraged to apply for EHS Alumni Association monetary scholarships

The Elba High School Alumni Association plans to award two members of the Class of 2019 a monetary scholarship equaling a total of \$3,000 again this year.

The scholarships will be awarded to one male and one female class member, and each will receive a \$1,500 monetary scholarship, which will be transferred to the student's college of choice for use at that school. The monies will be made available through the student's account at his/her college upon enrollment.

Current Elba High School seniors interested in applying for this scholarship simply have to fill out an application and complete an essay. The essay should be written about an Elba High School alumnus whom the student considers a good role model and/or has made a positive influence in his/her life.

The scholarship recipients will be announced at the annual Senior Awards Day program in May.

Seniors should contact Elba High counselor Buffy Lusk for more details on applying for the 2019 Elba High School Alumni Association Scholarship.

Deadline to apply is Friday, April 5th.

The Elba High School Alumni Scholarships are made possible through membership fees from Elba High School Alumni, as well as, monies raised through the annual Elba High School Alumni Golf Tournament.



Jamie Hudson, Billy Sanders, Kaleb Grogg, and Enrique Duncan are shown keeping watchful eyes on the grill as the ribs and Boston butts were cooked and prepared for pickup by those who purchased the meat to help EHS juniors raise money for Prom.

Juniors light the grill to raise money for Prom

Elba High School Juniors recently sold Boston Butts and Ribs to help raise money for the Junior/Senior Prom this year.

Students sold the meat before Christmas. On Friday and Saturday, Jan. 18th and 19th, the butts and ribs were cooked overnight by Ag teacher Jaime Hudson and parent/student volunteers. Food was ready

to be picked up by 10 a.m. on Saturday.

There were 72 slabs of ribs and 48 Boston butts that were purchased and picked up.

Amanda Martin, prom sponsor, is thankful to all those that helped make this fundraiser a success. Proceeds go towards student tickets for prom.

As baseball season nears

Elba High School preparing for annual "kickoff game" fundraiser

On Saturday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m., the Elba High School baseball program will host the annual kickoff game for baseball season.

Baseball players currently are fundraising by selling Ribeye Steak Sandwich plates, which cost \$10 per plate. Each plate includes the sandwich, chips, and a dessert.

If interested in purchasing a plate, see a baseball player or contact Coach Harrison at pharrison@elbaed.com.

Also, anyone interested in becoming a member of the Diamond Club for Elba High baseball can do so now! Those interested in becoming members of the Diamond Club, which is a \$25 sponsorship fee, can see a player or contact Coach Harrison.

Members of the Diamond Club will have their names displayed on the home dugout this baseball season. Businesses interested in being a sponsor can donate \$50 for a black sponsorship or \$100 for a gold sponsorship. All donations are tax deductible.

Alabama AG reminds all schools nominations are being accepted now for Safe Schools Initiative

Attorney General Steve Marshall is reminding public and private schools throughout Alabama that nominations are being accepted for the 2018 Safe Schools Initiative Awards of Excellence.

The deadline for schools to submit applications is February 25.

This spring, the Attorney General's Office will honor private school winners from north, central and south Alabama, in addition to the winners from each of the state's eight public school board districts.

"These awards offer a valuable opportunity to honor schools that are succeeding with outstanding safety plans, to recognize procedures that work well and to encourage implementation of these methods throughout Alabama to keep our children safer," said Attorney General Marshall.

Attorney General

Marshall plans to visit winning schools this spring to personally present the award in honor of each school's accomplishment.

More information about criteria for the awards may be found at the Attorney General's website at <https://ago.alabama.gov/Documents/2018-SSI-Nomination-Form.pdf>. Please note that nominations are requested to be sent in a digital PDF, if possible, to ssi@ago.state.al.us. The nominations will be reviewed by an independent panel of judges.



COUNTY HONOR BAND PERFORMANCE...The All-County [Coffee County] Honor Band practiced Wednesday, Jan. 23, and Thursday, Jan. 24, at Elba High School before performing in concert Thursday night in the EHS Auditorium. The Honor Band is shown above practicing with their guest clinician. The honor band consisted of students from Elba, Zion Chapel, Kinston and New Brockton.



26 Elba band students participate in County Honor Band...

(Pictured left): Elba High School had 26 students participate in last week's Coffee County Honor Band program. Elba participants were: Abby Wilson, Michaela Moseley, Mienundra Banks, Adalyn O'Neal, Aimee Senn, Callie Pope, Victori Edwards, Zalie McKelvy, Praise Edwards, Thomas Stinson, Bradley Chapman, Terrance Kelley, Jamal Siler, Dalton Grantham, Colin Arnold, Elizabeth Woodham, Zhandria Siler, Christopher Gasca, Kordale Villela, Keaton Poole, Tykell Tyson, Jamie Clark, Rebecca Woodham, Maggie Hammonds, Ethan Pope, and (not pictured) Tiffany Campbell.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



LBW COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN ANDALUSIA WELCOMED SEVERAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS to campus to be college students for the day during "College 101." Students enjoyed a lively performance from the LBWCC Ensemble, toured campus, met advisors and faculty, learned about financial aid, and rotated through six sessions presented by various college divisions. Among those attending from Brantley High School were Kasha Rostick, Jaquisa Jackson, and Katelyn Robertson.



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Let's stop unwanted telemarketing calls

by **Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh**,
President of the
Alabama Public Service
Commission

"Sarah, can you get me Floyd at the barbershop?" Such a request was typical of phone service in the 1950's and prior, not only for The Andy Griffith Show's mythical Town of Mayberry, but in communities throughout America. That was when operators used to manually connect callers with wires and a switchboard. Now technology allows phone service over the internet, and cell phones have, in many cases, become the device of choice for consumers.

The evolution of telephone technology has benefited society, but unfortunately, it has given rise to the unscrupulous who misuse digital technology to invade the privacy of telephone customers.

As a result, the Federal Trade Commission established the National Do Not Call list in 2003, and most states, including Alabama, merged their own Do Not Call lists into the national list.

The Do Not Call list continually changes with new registrants added daily. Its effectiveness relies upon telemarketers frequently updating their lists. The Do Not Call list may limit some telemarketer calls, but it is not the solution most hoped it would be.

Initially, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) handed down fines to telemarketers when they identified abusers through caller ID information. These fines encouraged companies to comply. However, we now have an ever-increasing

number of unwanted telemarketing calls, and it is apparent that many are blatantly ignoring the National Do Not Call list.

The violators often employ a technology called spoofing. This is the common name ascribed to the practice of electronically replacing a caller's true identification and number with a name and number of the caller's choosing. Unscrupulous telemarketers have seized upon spoofing technology to mask their identity and to deceive unsuspecting consumers. Spoofing makes it extremely difficult for regulators and enforcement entities to identify abusive telemarketers and fine them.

Call blocking appears to be the path the FCC and state attorneys general are pursuing for limiting telemarketing calls. In November 2017, the FCC released an order authorizing telecommunication carriers to adopt advanced call blocking technology for combating unwanted telemarketing calls. The FCC order makes adoption of advanced call blocking technology voluntary for telecommunications providers.

Hopefully, Congress and the Alabama Legislature will consider legislation that ensures all telephone carriers adopt advanced call blocking technology for their customers. Federal and or state legislation should also include a component to

educate consumers on the call blocking technology available from their telecommunications provider.

Another issue that should be addressed is the limited collaboration between federal authorities, state authorities and the private sector for targeting abusive telemarketing practices. Future action at the federal level would ideally prioritize collaboration and cooperation between federal and state regulators, law enforcement and telecommunications providers to collectively identify and penalize unscrupulous telemarketers.

The FCC should also revisit the Do Not Call list. The list, as it now exists, is ineffective. The FCC needs to either strengthen the Do Not Call list compliance or develop an entirely new approach to solve the problem.

My pledge as President of your Alabama Public Service Commission is that I will exhaust every effort in pursuit of such measures at the state and federal levels.

*** This editorial was written by Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh who currently serves as President of the Alabama Public Service Commission. The positions set forth in this document are those of Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh and are not intended to reflect the official position of the Alabama Public Service Commission.*



Twinkle Cavanaugh

2019 Elba Softball Schedule Announced

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Monday, Feb. 18th	Zion Chapel JV Tournament	Zion Chapel	TBA
Tuesday, Feb. 19th	Pike County [JV/V]	Pike Co.	4:30
Thursday, Feb. 21st	Straughn [JV/V]	Straughn	4:30
Fri/Sat., Feb. 22/23	Opp JV Tournament	Opp	TBA
Tuesday, Feb. 26th	Zion Chapel [JV/V]	HOME	4:00
Thursday, Feb. 28th	Highland Home [JV/V]	HOME	4:30
Monday, March 4th	Pleasant Home [JV/V]	Pleasant H.	4:00
Tuesday, March 5th	Pike County [JV/V]	HOME	4:30
Monday, March 11th	Geneva County [JV/V]	Hartford	4:00
Tuesday, March 12th	Highland Home [JV/V]	Highland H.	4:30
Thursday, March 14th	*Brantley [JV/V]	Brantley	4:30
Monday, March 18th	Geneva County [JV/V]	HOME	4:30
Tuesday, March 19th	*Kinston [JV/V]	HOME	4:30
Thursday, April 4th	Zion Chapel [JV/V]	Zion Chapel	5:30
Fri/Sat., April 5/6	Ariton Varsity Tournament	Ariton	TBA
Monday, April 8th	*Florala [JV/V]	Florala	4:30
Tuesday, April 9th	*Brantley [V]	HOME	4:30
Friday, April 12th	Red Level [V] (DH)	Red Level	4:30
Tuesday, April 16th	*Kinston [V]	Kinston	4:30
Thursday, April 18th	*Florala (Sr. Game) [V]	HOME	4:30
Fri/Sat., April 26/27	Elba Tune-Up Tournament	ELBA	TBA

Elba Chamber to host grant writing workshop

A grant writing workshop will be held Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, located at 329 Putnam St., Elba, Ala. This workshop will be from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Ann S. Cooper, vice president of the River Region United Way of Montgomery will be teaching this free course. RSVP via text to (334) 790-9081 or call the Elba Chamber office at (334) 897-3125.

IRS reminds employers of Jan. 31st wage statement filing deadline

The Internal Revenue Service reminds employers and other businesses of the Jan. 31 filing deadline that applies to filing wage statements and independent contractor forms with the government.

The Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act requires employers to file their

copies of Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, and Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, with the Social Security Administration by Jan. 31.

The Jan. 31 deadline also applies to certain Forms 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, filed with the IRS to report non-employee compensation to independent

contractors. Such payments are reported in box 7 of this form.

This deadline makes it easier for the IRS to verify income that individuals report on their tax returns and helps prevent fraud. Failure to file these forms correctly and timely may result in penalties. As always, the IRS urges

employers and other businesses to take advantage of the accuracy, speed and convenience of filing these forms electronically.

An extension of time to file Forms W-2 is no longer automatic. The IRS will only grant extensions for specific reasons. Details can be found on the instructions for Form 8809, Application for Extension of Time to File Information Returns.

The IRS noted that some employers who ordered paper information and employer returns may not receive them in time to meet the Jan. 31 deadline and should consider an alternate source for these forms. The IRS is filling these orders as quickly as possible. Click here for more information.

For more information, read the instructions for Forms W-2 & W-3 and the Information Return Penalties page at IRS.gov.



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